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SUBJ: NATIONAL DAY OBSERVANCES IN LENINGRAD

GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

1. LENINGRAD OBSERVED 57TH ANNIVERSARY OF REVOLUTION IN  
CUSTOMARY FASHION, PERHAPS A TOUCH LESS SHOWY THAN LAST YEAR.  
SPEECH-MAKING WAS DEFINITELY SHORTER THAN IN 1973. LENINGRAD  
OBLAST PARTY FIRST SECRETARY (AND CANDIDATE MEMBER OF POLUTBURO)  
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G V ROMANOV, HEADED ARRAY OF PARTY AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

FIGURES PRESENT ON ROSTRUMS AT VARIOUS EVENTS. ADDITIONALLY, ROMANOV AND OTHER TOP PARTY AND MILITARY LEADERS IN LENINGRAD OBLAST AND CITY ATTENDED THE NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION FOR LENINGRAD CONSULAR CORPS WHICH IS ORGANIZED EACH YEAR BY THE DIPLOMATIC AGENCY AND THE CITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME ROMANOV HAS EVER APPEARED AT THIS EVENT AND IT WAS CHARACTERIZED AS "A NEW POLICY". ROMANOV WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO INTRODUCE HIMSELF TO AND GREET CONSUL GENERAL NEUBERT.

2. OBLAST PARTY SECRETARY YURIY F SOLOV'YEV GAVE PRINCIPAL, RELATIVELY BRIEF SPEECH AT PARTY/GOVERNMENT GATHERING HELD EVENING OF NOVEMBER 6. HIS REMARKS, NOT RPT NOT PRINTED IN LENINGRAD PAPERS DUE TO PRESS PROMINENCE GIVEN FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO'S SPEECH IN MOSCOW, WERE ALONG STANDARD LINES. IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HE PRAISED POLICY OF DETENTE AND GAVE FIRST MENTION OF UNITED STATES IN RECOUNTING SUCCESSES OF SOVIET PEACE PROGRAM AND INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS.

3. AT NOVEMBER 7 MILITARY PARADE IN LENINGRAD'S PALACE SQUARE, COLONEL GENERAL A I GRIBKOV, COMMANDER OF LENINGRAD MILITARY REGION, SPOKE BRIEFLY TO ASSEMBLED TROOPS AND DIGNITARIES. HIS REMARKS CONTAINED SEVERAL HARSH WORDS FOR THE CHINESE IN CONTEXT OF NECESSITY TO MAINTAIN STRONG SOVIET ARMED FORCES AS SHIELD AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND REACTION.  
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